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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Parkhill, *et al.*)

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For: "NEW DIRECTION IN LOW-
TEMPERATURE PASTE
DEVELOPMENT")

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ELECTION UNDER RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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February 4, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002. Because a response was due by December 4, 2002, enclosed herewith is a Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time to extend the due date to February 4, 2003 and the requisite small entity extension fee of \$205.00.

In the restriction, the Office Action has required an election between the following groups: I) Claims 1-19, and 35-39 drawn to a composite material, classified in class 501, subclass 17; II) Claims 20-34, drawn to a paste composition, classified in class 501, subclass 20; and III) Claims 40-45, drawn to a method of making, classified in class 516, subclass 9.

Applicants provisionally elect Group II, Claims 20-34, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered because the Examiner has not shown that a serious burden would be required to examine all the claims. M.P.E.P. § 803 provides:

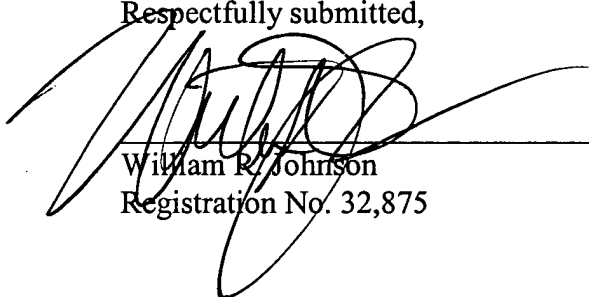
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. (Emphasis added.)

Here, irrespective of whether the groups requested are independent and distinct inventions, the requirement should be withdrawn since the Patent Office has not shown that it would be a serious burden to search and examine all of the groups together. Consequently, reconsideration and modification or withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested.

A Credit Card payment form in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed for the Two-Month Extension of Time. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, or the application in general, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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